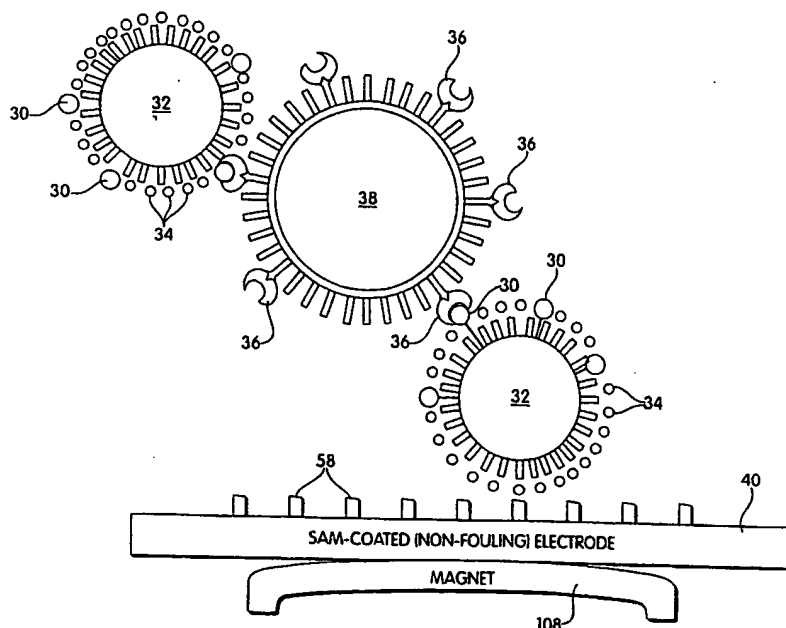


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## (57) Abstract

The invention provides novel techniques for derivatizing colloids with self-assembled monolayers. This provides the capability of a wide variety of assays including chemical or biochemical agent/agent interaction studies. Bio-derivatized colloids, with or without signaling entities, are used to probe interactions with species on non-colloidal structures. The invention provides techniques for immobilizing colloidal particles on a wide variety of non-colloidal structures. Included is the ability to decorate a variety of non-colloidal structures including beads, with colloids as a detectable assay. This allows, in many cases, assays detectable via the unaided human eye, as well as assays detectable via automated determination of a change of interaction of electromagnetic radiation with the colloids, e.g., absorption, light-scattering, and the

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In view of the large number and also the wording of the claims presently on file, which render it difficult, if not impossible, to determine the matter for which protection is sought, the present application fails to comply with the clarity and conciseness requirements of Article 6 PCT (see also Rule 6.1(a) PCT) to such an extent that a meaningful search is impossible. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found only a very small proportion of the methods and articles which could fall under the claims as filed. It was not possible to derive from the application which specific technical problem is to be solved (page 2, lines 13-22 discuss a number of distinct problems), nor which is the specific solution to the technical problem which constitutes the invention (see in particular pages 3-8). The present application thus also fails to comply with the requirements of Rule 5.1 (a) (iii) PCT. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the application which do appear to be clear (and concise), namely the electrochemical binding assays of Examples 1,3 and 7 (and the materials used therein) in which a colloidal particle bearing a first protein and also bearing a signal entity (an electroactive ferrocene moiety) is combined with a non-colloidal structure (magnetic beads in Ex.1 and Ex.7, cells growing on electrode surfaces in Ex.3), where the non-colloidal structure bears a second protein binding to the first protein, optionally in the presence of a candidate agent for drug screening.

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